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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the accreditation of the office of the state
2 medical examiner.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 691.5, Code 2021, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **691.5 State medical examiner — accreditation.**

4 1. The office and position of state medical examiner
5 is established for administrative purposes within the Iowa
6 department of public health. Other state agencies shall
7 cooperate with the state medical examiner in the use of
8 state-owned facilities when appropriate for the performance of
9 nonadministrative duties of the state medical examiner. The
10 state medical examiner shall be a physician and surgeon or
11 osteopathic physician and surgeon, be licensed to practice
12 medicine in the state of Iowa, and be board certified or
13 eligible to be board certified in anatomic and forensic
14 pathology by the American board of pathology. The state
15 medical examiner shall be appointed by and serve at the
16 pleasure of the director of public health upon the advice of
17 and in consultation with the director of public safety and
18 the governor. The state medical examiner, in consultation
19 with the director of public health, shall be responsible for
20 developing and administering the medical examiner's budget
21 and for employment of medical examiner staff and assistants.
22 The state medical examiner may be a faculty member of the
23 university of Iowa college of medicine or the college of law at
24 the university of Iowa, and any of the examiner's assistants or
25 staff may be members of the faculty or staff of the university
26 of Iowa college of medicine or the college of law at the
27 university of Iowa.

28 2. The office of the state medical examiner shall be deemed
29 to be an accredited state medical examiner for all purposes in
30 this state. No other entity shall provide an accreditation for
31 the office of the state medical examiner.

32 EXPLANATION

33 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
34 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

35 This bill relates to the accreditation of the state medical

1 examiner. The bill requires that the office of the state
2 medical examiner shall be deemed to be an accredited state
3 medical examiner for all purposes in this state. The bill
4 prohibits any other entity from offering an accreditation for
5 the office of the state medical examiner.